

REMARKS

Claims 15-16 and 19-20 are currently pending, with claim 16 being independent. Claims 14 and 21 have been cancelled and claims 15-16 and 19-20 have been amended by this Amendment C. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments can be found at least on page 12, lines 3-6 of the Specification.

Rejections under 35 USC §112

The Examiner rejected claims 15-16 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended claims 15 and 16 to overcome the rejection. Applicant now believes that this rejection is moot.

Rejections under 35 USC §102/103

The Examiner rejected claims 15-16: (1) under 35 USC §102(b)/103(a) as anticipated by or obvious over Sanderson 4,541,944; and (2) under 35 USC §102(e)/103(a) as anticipated by or obvious over Del Duca et al 5,968,885 or 6,071,870. The Examiner rejected claims 19-20: (3) under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over Sanderson 4,541,944 or Del Duca et al 5,968,885 or 6,071,870. The Examiner rejected claims 15-16: (4) under 35 USC §102(b)/103(a) as anticipated by or obvious over Scheuing et al 5,681,805 or 5,792,385; and (5) under 35 USC §102(e)/103(a) as anticipated by or obvious over Zhou et al 5,877,133 or Kott et al 6,117,357 or Miracle et al 6,096,098. The Examiner rejected claim 15: (6) under 35 USC §102(e)/103(a) as anticipated by or obvious over Scialla et al 6,099,587 or 5,997,585 or 5,900,187. The Examiner rejected claim 16:

(7) under 35 USC §102(e)/103(a) as anticipated by or obvious over Choy 6,010,994. The Examiner further rejected claims 19-20: (8) under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over Scheuing et al 5,681,805 or 5,792,385, or Scialla et al 6,099,587 or 5,997,585 or 5,900,187, or Kott et al 6,117,357, or Miracle et al 6,096,098.

In light of the presently amended claims, Applicant respectfully disagrees. In particular, Applicant has amended the claims to incorporate specific limitations for decontamination of a chemical and biological agent. Unlike the present claims that are directed to chemical and biological decontamination, Sanderson '473 and '944, Del Duca et al '885 and '870, Scheuing et al '385 and '805, Zhou et al '137, Kott et al '357, Miracle et al '098, Scialla et al '587, '585, or '187, and Choy et al '994 all apparently relate to cleaning compositions (Sanderson '473 relates to "washing, bleaching, or disinfection" at col. 1, lns. 8-9; Sanderson '944 relates to "cleaning, bleaching or disinfection" at col. 1, lns. 10-11; and Del Duca et al '885 and '870 relate to "pretreater" at col. 1, ln. 6 and col. 1, ln. 9, respectively; Scheuing et al '385 and '805, Zhou et al '137 relate to "bleaching or cleaning applications" at col. 1, lns 62-63, col. 1, lns. 62-63 and col. 1, lns. 65-66, respectively, Kott et al '357 and Miracle et al '098 relate to "laundry, automatic dishwashing and hard surface cleaning compositions" at col. 1, lns. 17-19 and col. 1, lns. 14-16, respectively; Scialla et al '587 relates to a "pretreater" at col. 1, ln. 8, and Scialla et al '585 and '187 relate to "bleaching textiles" at col. 1, ln. 14 and col. 1, ln. 7, respectively; and Choy et al '994 refers to "bleaching and cleaning" at col. 1, lns. 16-17).

None of the cited references discloses or suggests a means for applying a solution to a contaminated surface effective for applying the chemical and biological warfare agent

decontaminating solution onto a warfare agent. As such, the cited references do not teach or suggest the subject matter recited in the amended claims.

Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 15-16 and 19-20, as amended herein. The Examiner is invited to contact the attorney listed below with any questions or other matters to advance prosecution .

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